

## LONG-RANGE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

### Comprehensive Plan

The mayoral appointment of the Comprehensive Plan Visioning Committee was approved at the November 21, 2023 Council Meeting. More formal meetings are expected in February 2024, including additional small group listening sessions.

### Parking Study

No update, the consultant continues to work on the parking model.

## COMMERCIAL BUILDING ACTIVITY

The Building Department has 43 active commercial permits with just one project getting completed this month. Eight commercial building permits were issued in the month of November, which is fairly high for this time of year, many are small remodels and one new greenhouse at Blooms.

Marion Boulevard Apartments has full occupancy and is working to get the last few items finished up. Tulip Tree Apartments should be wrapping up in early 2024. Their contractor is working on drywall, painting, and finishing work on all floors. The Marion Independent Schools contractor continues to work the Parkview Elementary and is getting that building enclosed. Work is continuing on Linn Mar's Auditorium addition and Administration building.

## BUILDING DIVISION STATISTICS

INSPECTIONS	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	LAST YEAR
ALL CONSTRUCTION	602	573	540
WRECKING	1	0	1
BEER & LIQUOR INSP	6	9	7
COMPLAINT INSPECTIONS	1	8	6
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>554</b>
PERMITS			
ACTIVE DEPT PERMITS	6,276	6,530	10,995
PERMITS ISSUED	222	238	276
NEW SINGLE FAMILY	11	4	5
NEW MULTI-FAMILY (UNITS)	2 (4)	1 (2)	1 (50)
NEW COMMERCIAL	4	0	0
REMODEL/ADD. COMMERCIAL	4	1	4
RENTAL HOUSING			
RENTAL HOUSING UNITS	4,725	4,722	4,594
TOTAL RENTAL INSPECTIONS	425	334	267

### BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE

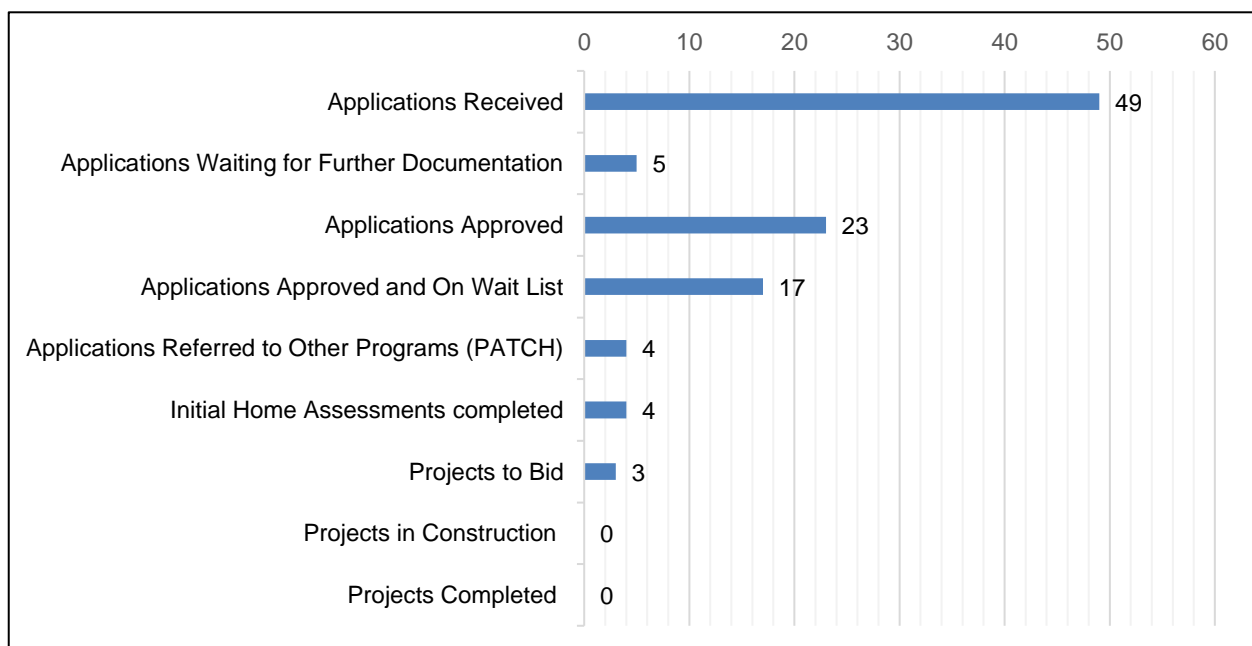
BUILDING CODE COMPLAINTS	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	LAST YEAR
NEW COMPLAINTS	0	6	5
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS	3	7	5
ACTIVE COMPLAINTS	51	54	57
ACTIVE COMPLAINTS BY TYPE			
BUILDING MISCELLANEOUS	8	9	4
DEBRIS IN YARD	23	24	34
HOUSING	0	0	11
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	20	21	8

### CODE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

Code Compliance has 49 active cases and continues to respond to nuisance properties as they are identified. There are currently 11 orders to abate nuisances waiting for compliance along with the continued influx of daily complaints. The current case count involving legal action is at 12.

Current assessments of the Carriage Corner Development and other properties stilled owned by Seven Hills East LLC have shown that little to no attention is being given to maintain or improve the property maintenance deficiencies noted at the onset of enforcement. Staff is hopeful that working with the owner and their attorney will bring much needed attention to these properties.

### HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM (ARPA FUNDS)



**TRAIL PROJECTS**

**CeMar:** Easement documents for the Bjornsen/Atlas properties were sent to the appraiser for review and feedback. Additional easements are needed and staff is discussing with those owners.

**SRTS:** On November 27, 2023 staff submitted a Safe Routes to Schools Grant application to the Iowa DOT. The project has been in the CIP for \$504,000, 20% of that will be local match. The project will infill sidewalk gaps north of Longfellow Elementary. Notice of award is expected in February 2024.